

ZECHARIAH

ANTICIPATING THE MESSAIAH

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

- * Zechariah means “The Lord Remembers”.
- * Zechariah was the son of Berechiah, the grandson of Iddo, a priest who returned from Babylon with Zerubbabel and Joshua (Neh. 12:4).
- * Was born in Babylon and brought to Jerusalem by his father in the return by Zerubbabel.
- * Was called to prophesy at a young age in 520 B.C.
- * Zechariah was a contemporary of the prophet Haggai(Ezra 5:1; 6:14)
- * Was murdered “between the temple and the altar,” according to Matthew 23:35.

- * This book uses a simple structure of
 - * 8 visions (1:1-6:15),
 - * 4 messages (7:1-8:23)
 - * 2 burdens (9:1-14:21)

- * **Chapters:** 14
- * **Verses:** 211

MESSIANIC PROPHECIES

- * The book of Zechariah contains the clearest and the largest number of messianic (about the Messiah) passages among the Minor Prophets.
- * No part of the Old Testament more clearly sets forth Christ's Person and work, His humiliation and exaltation, and His glorious offices.
- * The Messiah is presented as the Shepherd, the Stone, the Coming King, and the Branch who will remove iniquity.
- * Zechariah pictures Christ in both His first coming ([Zechariah 9:9](#)) and His second coming (9:10-10:12).
- * Jesus will come, according to Zechariah, as Savior, Judge, and ultimately, as the righteous King ruling His people from Jerusalem (14:8-9).
- * We have at least four direct quotations from the Book of Zechariah, each one referring to the Saviour:
 - * **Zech. 9. 9, quoted Matthew 21.5** *"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: He is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass"*
 - * **Zech. 11. 13, quoted Matthew 27. 9,10** - *"And the Lord said unto me, Cast it unto the potter: a goodly price that I was prised at of them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the Lord"*

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- * **Zech. 12. 10, quoted John 19. 37** - *"They shall look upon Me whom they have pierced"*
- * **Zech. 13. 7, quoted Matthew 26. 31** - *"Smite the Shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered: and I will turn Mine hand upon the little ones"*
- * But apart from direct quotations, there are the visions, the promises, the prophecies, the types.
- * It has been well said that Zechariah contains:
 1. Christ coming in lowliness (6. 12; 13. 7).
 2. His rejection and betrayal (11. 12, 13).
 3. His crucifixion (10. 10; 13. 7).
 4. His priesthood (6. 13).
 5. His kingship (6. 13; 9. 9; 14. 9, 16).
 6. His coming in glory (14. 4).
 7. His building the Lord's temple (6. 12, 13).
 8. His reign (9. 10).
 9. His establishment of lasting peace and prosperity (3. 10; 9. 9, 10).

THE EIGHT VISIONS

Zechariah's Eight Night Visions			
	Reference	Subject	Lesson
1	1:7-17	The horseman among the myrtle trees	Yahweh's sovereignty over Israel's restoration
2	1:18-21	The four horns and the four smiths	The triumph of Israel over her enemies
3	ch. 2	The surveyor	Preparations for Israel's future restoration
4	ch. 3	The cleansing and restoration of Joshua	The renewal of Israel's priestly ministry
5	ch. 4	The gold lampstand and the two olive trees	Israel's testimony under Messiah as priest and king
6	5:1-4	The flying scroll	Judgment on Israel for covenant disobedience
7	5:5-11	The woman in the basket	The return of evil to Babylon
8	6:1-8	The four chariots	Judgment on Israel's enemies

OUTLINE OF THE BOOK

- * *The first 8 chapters were written to encourage the people while they were rebuilding the Temple.*
- * *The final six chapters were written after the completion of the temple and anticipate Israel's coming Messiah.*

I. The Call to Repentance, 1:1-6

II. The Visions of Zechariah, 1:7-6:15

- A. The Vision of the Horses and Riders, 1:7-17
- B. The Vision of the Four Horns and Four Craftsmen, 1:18-21
- C. The Vision of the Surveyor, 2:1-13
- D. The Vision of Joshua the High Priest, 3:1-10
- E. The Vision of the Golden Lampstand, 4:1-14
- F. The Vision of the Flying Scroll, 5:1-4
- G. The Vision of the Woman in the Ephah, 5:5-11
- H. The Vision of the Four Chariots, 6:1-8
- I. The Crowning of Joshua, Zech 6:9-15

III. The Questions Concerning Fasts, 7:1-8:23

- A. The Fasts, 7:1-3
- B. The Failure of the People, 7:4-14
- C. The Future for Jerusalem, 8:1-23

IV. The Oracles Concerning the Future, 9:1-14:21

- A. The First Oracle, 9:1-11:17
 - 1. The victories of Alexander the Great, 9:1-8
 - 2. The comings of the King, 9:9-10
 - 3. The victories of the Maccabees, 9:11-17
 - 4. The blessings from Messiah, 10:1-12
 - 5. The rejection of the Shepherd, 11:1-17
- B. The Second Oracle, 12:1-14:21
 - 1. The Lord's care for Jerusalem, 12:1-14
 - 2. The Lord's cleansing of Jerusalem 13:1-9
 - 3. The Lord's second coming to Jerusalem, 14:1-21